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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Compounds of formula I:

$$R^{2} \xrightarrow{O \leq S - N} R^{1}$$

$$X \xrightarrow{N - N} R^{1}$$

$$X \xrightarrow{I}$$

inhibit the processing of APP by gamma-secretase, and hence are useful in treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease.